

# *Marriage Idea Card*

## PROGRESSIVE DATE NIGHT

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### **Best Use**

A date night discussion guide for a husband and wife to enjoy a “*progressive meal*” together to celebrate the past, evaluate how their marriage is currently going and dream about the future.

### **Advance Preparation**

Plan a date that involves three locations—one for an appetizer/salad, one for a main course, and one to enjoy dessert or coffee together. This could be as elaborate as three different restaurants or as simple as three different rooms in the house.

## LOCATION #1: Appetizer/Past

Spend some time reminiscing about the beginning of your relationship:

1. The first time you met...
2. One of the qualities that first drew you to each other...
3. Funniest memory together...
4. Favorite memory from your wedding...

## LOCATION #2: Main Course/Present

God desires for marriage to be a picture of the Gospel—the loving relationship between Christ and His Church. How well is your marriage presently modeling the Gospel to one another, to your family and friends? With 5 as the highest score, each spouse rate how you feel your marriage reflects each of the following qualities...

<i>Love and Respect</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Forgiveness and Grace</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Submission and Service</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Sacrifice and Giving</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Joy and Hope</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>Humility and Selflessness</i>	5	4	3	2	1

Offer one idea of how **you** can help improve a low scoring category.

## LOCATION #3: Coffee or Dessert/Future

Finish your evening by dreaming together for your future. Pick two ways you want to intentionally grow together:

- Pray together at least twice a week
- Go on a date night to connect twice a month
- Memorize a Bible verse together
- Read through a book of the Bible together
- Start a marriage Bible study together
- Listen to a sermon online and talk about it
- Weekly discuss one thing God is teaching you through His Word
- Find a place to serve together

Share something you've never done but would love to experience together in the future.